



The United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee is in transition! We are proud to announce that effective Tuesday, May 20, 2008 Judge James D. Todd assumed senior status after 23 years of dedicated service to our Court. A ceremony to honor Judge Todd's accomplishments and unveil his portrait was held in the Jackson courthouse on Friday, May 16, 2008.

The assumption of senior status by Judge Todd created a vacancy on the bench and facilitated the elevation of the Honorable S. Thomas Anderson from U.S. Magistrate Judge to U. S. District Judge effective May 21, 2008. Judge Anderson will serve the court in the western divisional office in Memphis, while Judge J. Daniel Breen has assumed responsibility for the eastern divisional office in Jackson. Judge Anderson will preside over cases in Courtroom number 4 on the Ninth Floor of the Clifford Davis/ Odell Horton Federal Building. Chief Judge Jon P. McCalla will relocate to the Court's ceremonial courtroom, Courtroom number 1, on the Eleventh Floor of the Clifford Davis/Odell Horton Federal Building.

Civil and Criminal cases in both divisional offices previously assigned to Judge Anderson as the Referral Judge, as well as, those cases where Judge Anderson was assigned as the Presiding Judge pursuant to Local Rule 83.3 will be equally distributed to U.S. Magistrate Judges Vescovo and Pham , for maintenance until such time as a replacement U.S. Magistrate Judge is named.

Administrative Orders have been entered to effectuate the transfer of case dockets in conjunction with the changes. The Administrative Order numbers are as follows:

Judge Todd's docket reassigned to Judge Breen

Civil Cases	Administrative Order 2008-9
Criminal Cases	Administrative Order 2008-10

Distribution of cases where Judge Anderson was Referral Judge:

Civil and Criminal Cases	Administrative Order 2008-13
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Judge Breen's docket reassigned to Judge Anderson

Civil Cases	Administrative Order 2008-14
Criminal Cases	Administrative Order 2008-15

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